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## 2006 Commissioner's Award

"He's a rock." With that solid sentiment, Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy soundly praised the choice of South District Administrator Mark Strange as the winner of the 2006 Commissioner's Award. Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz announced her decision during a meeting of her executive team, which D/A Strange had been invited to, but not told why his presence was requested. "He's got tremendous leadership skill...the go to guy," is how the Commissioner summed up her choice as a speechless Strange looked on. Continued on Page 2, See *Commissioner's Award*



District Administrator Mark Strange poses with Commissioner Lantz after she announced that he was the recipient of her award for 2006.

## Attitude and Integrity Stressed as Class 231 Graduates



CFSS Sean Dziuba of Bergin CI, as he is recognized for being the Highest Scholastic Achiever for Class 231. His average was 99.39.

"Ethical behavior is the hallmark of public service." That sage advice, based on Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ralph Carpenter's 27 years of public service was offered to Pre-Service Orientation Class 231 as they recently graduated from the academy and joined the best correctional agency in the country. The 60 men and women, representing the range of correctional professions, took the Oath of Office from Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz, as an auditorium full of family, friends and correctional colleagues looked on. As keynote speaker, Commissioner Carpenter reflected back on a career,

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## Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community reintegration.

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# Class 231 Graduation Cont'd

which has included roles as a high school teacher, a local police officer, and as a state trooper, which culminated with his reaching the second highest rank within the Connecticut



Members of Class 231 take the oath.

the class. "The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every single day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day," he said. Both Commissioner Carpenter and Commissioner Lantz, celebrating her 30<sup>th</sup> year in corrections, stressed the importance of dedication and professionalism to carry the new staff through their careers.

State Police. Carpenter left the graduates with an excerpt from a favorite passage by Charles Swindoll, entitled "Attitude is Everything." "The

longer I live, the more I realize the impact that attitude has on my life," Commissioner Carpenter recited for



Commissioner Carpenter being acknowledged by Commissioner Lantz at the graduation ceremony.



(l-r) Lt. Russell Maggio (Osborn CI), his son Russell Maggio II (Enfield CI), Geoffrey McDonald (Robinson CI), and his dad Richard McDonald (Enfield CI). Both fathers were able to pin a badge on their sons at the Class 231 graduation.

## Commissioner's Award Cont'd

Commissioner related that during her consideration, of whom she would select, she realized that many of those she reviewed had the same thing in common. They had all been mentored by Mark Strange. D/A Strange started with the department in 1981 at the Hartford Correctional Center. He has been a team commander of CERT and Warden of the MacDougall and Osborn Correctional Institutions where his innovations included the unit management model and an internal classification system. He is married to retired Correctional Officer Janis Jones. "I think he's an invaluable guy," said Commissioner Lantz who also told D/A Strange, "...you have been a pillar to the agency...you don't know how important you are to our success." D/A Strange will receive the Commissioner's Award at the agency's annual ceremony on August 18, as one of a number of departmental honorees. "He's always had my back, the Commissioner's back and the Department's back," said D/C Murphy.

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# Administrative Assistant's Day at Maloney CTSD

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Administrative Assistants from around the agency gathered at Maloney CTSD to network and share information. They took a moment from their busy day to take this photo with Commissioner Lantz (center).

## Did You Know?...



Did You Know is an informational column written by the Facilities Management and Engineering Unit, aimed at increasing your knowledge of issues in our everyday lives. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860.692.7554. This article was written by Joseph Suchecki, Design Engineer 3 (Electrical). If you have any questions or desire more information, you may contact him at 860.692.7592. Did You Know... When Picking the Right Window...Don't Forget the U-Factor When choosing a window most people look at only three window characteristics before making a final decision to purchase; they are appearance, color and cost. These are all valid but a fourth characteristic should include energy efficiency. The window's shape, size and color are usually fixed based on personal preference. Where the biggest mistake is made, in my opinion, is not considering costs over time. This would include maintenance, life cycle and operating costs. Don't be fooled by "all windows are the same," they are as different and complex as people are. I hope that this article will help you understand that initial costs are important, but energy efficient windows are worth the extra money.

On the average, approximately 25 % of a home's exterior envelope are made up of windows, the remaining is a combination of siding at 40 %, roofing at 33% and doors at 3%. Therefore, picking the right window has a tremendous impact on your home's overall energy performance. To compare the different manufacturers energy ratings of a window look for the U-Factor. This number is the rate at which heat is transferred through the window.

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## Around the Cell Block



**Arizona-** An inmate is suing the television show Dateline, claiming he was assaulted in prison after the show labeled him a snitch.



**Delaware-** The state has hired a \$425 an hour attorney to represent the Department of Correction in a Justice Department investigation into prison health care.



**California-** Contract talks between the state and the Correctional Peace Officers Association broke down when the union tried to videotape the negotiations.



**New Jersey -** The state's acting corrections commissioner has banned reporters from touring prisons and interviewing inmates based on security and staffing concerns.

**Supervised  
Population  
on  
June 25, 2006**

**23,069**

On June 25, 2005 the total supervised population was 22,755



# Remembering Lieutenant Anthony Tramontano

The following are words of reflection from friends and family of Lt. Anthony Tramontano, who passed away on May 25th after a long illness.

**Counselor Supervisor Stacey Marmora** - "Tony and I went to the Academy together, so I have known him almost thirteen years. We call him the "Tramanator" at Garner, and he had a strong sense of right and wrong. He was a great man, husband and father. He was one of the funniest people I know, and was always smiling (unless he was upset with something, in which case he could throw a temper tantrum that would make you laugh anyway). He is almost as famous for his temper tantrums as his kindness and goodness. I have never seen him as happy as he was when he was with Migdalia (Bave). If it's possible for a "macho" man to glow, he did whenever he, Migdalia and the kids were together. And he wanted everyone to think of him as a "macho" man, but he had a huge heart that he couldn't hide. One thing that Migdalia mentions that most people don't know about Tony is that he was deeply religious. He attended Church regularly. He has loyal friends everywhere, because he was loyal in return. We still tell funny stories about Tram, and everyone laughs with tears in their eyes."

**Officer Jon Harlow** - "Tony was a Friend in the true sense of the word. He had your back whether you were present or not. People, especially friends, like that are hard to come by. The folks that were close to him will very dearly miss him. He was a very caring father, and loved being a parent."

**Officer Debi Ortiz (Retired)** - "If you didn't know Tony Tramontano "Tram," You were missing somebody special. His Mother's Heart and His Father's Pride. He was more of a brother to me and my sister Maria, than he was a nephew. He lived with us until he was 11 years old and we always remained close. I watched him grow from a baby to a Man of Character, Strength, and Honor. When he was little his favorite show was S.W.A.T. and never missed an episode. I think that should have been obvious where his career choice would have lead! When he was older, if you needed something, it was done. One time I



Lt. Tramontano (far right) pictured with family members at his Goddaughter, Gia's (center) Christening

was moving into a new condo, and I needed help. Well, I made one call to Tony and he grabbed one of his friends to help me. I don't think his friend was too happy, but he knew that Tony would have been there for his family in an New York minute, so he helped him out. But that's how Tony was, if you needed help, and he was able to do anything for you, he was there in minutes, that was that! We would talk about the Department, especially when he first started. He started 3 years after me and I'm retired now. It brought me back to his S.W.A.T. watching days. I never saw him happier in his life than when he met his wife Migdalia. He is the kind of man you would want your daughter to bring home. I know how much he loves Bave, she was his heart, and I know he is hers. Her children were also so close to him. His Mom told me at his wake that he was the best son anyone could ever have. He was always there for her, they were as close as a Mother was and Son could be. He told me about how proud he was of his Dad,

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## The Final Inspection

*A Correction Officer stood and faced his God,*

*Which must always come to pass.  
He hoped his shoes were shining,  
Just as brightly as his brass.*

*"Step forward now, you Correction Officer,  
How shall I deal with you?  
Have you always turned the other cheek?  
To My Church have you been true?"*

*The officer squared his shoulders and said,*

*"No, Lord, I guess I ain't.  
Because those of us who carry guns,  
Can't always be a saint.*

*I've had to work most Sundays,  
And at times my talk was tough.  
And sometimes I've been violent,  
Because the world is awfully rough.*

*But, I never took a penny,  
That wasn't mine to keep...  
Though I worked a lot of overtime,  
When the bills got just too steep.*

*And I never passed a cry for help,  
Though at times I shook with fear.  
And sometimes, God, forgive me,  
I've wept unmanly tears.*

*I know I don't deserve a place,  
Among the people here.  
They never wanted me around,  
Except to calm their fears.  
If you've a place for me here, Lord,  
It needn't be so grand.  
I never expected or had too much,  
But if you don't, I'll understand.*

*There was a silence all around the throne,  
Where the saints had often trod.  
As the soldier waited quietly,  
For the judgment of his God.  
"Step forward now, you officer,  
You've borne your burdens well.  
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,  
You've done your time in Hell."*

~Author Unknown~

This poem was submitted by the officers at Cheshire CI in memory of Lt. Tramontano.

# Pomp And Circumstance

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Warden Walter Ford and the staff of Bridgeport CC would like to congratulate Administrative Captain Will Mobley on receiving his Masters of Science Degree in Management from Albertus Magnus College in New Haven.

Captain Mobley is a twenty-year veteran of the Department of Correction. He began his career at New Haven CC as a Correction Officer in 1985. He was promoted to Lieutenant at New Haven CC in 1993. He did a brief stint with the Community Enforcement Unit before he was promoted to Captain at Bridgeport CC in July of 1999. Captain Mobley

completed his studies at Albertus Magnus College in December of 2005 and proudly received his degree on Mothers Day, May 14, 2006. Congratulations on a job well done!

## Calendar



**July 13** - Retirement Party in honor of Officer Nate "Hollywood" Keaton of New Haven CC at the

Country House Restaurant located at 990 Foxon Road in East Haven from 6:30pm - 10:30 pm. Tickets are \$40. Contact Major Kearney, CO Gamble or CO Outlaw at 203.974.4111, Lt. Reveron (4-12) or Lt. Wilks (8-4) at 203.579.6131 or Lt. Lytle at 203.809.2932.



**July 28** - Retirement Party in honor of Officer Lorn Arthur of Bridgeport CC at the Country House Restaurant located at 990 Foxon Road in East Haven from 7 pm - 11 pm. Tickets are

\$45 and includes Cocktail hour with open bar, dinner, DJ and gift. For info call CHN Walton at 203.579.6222, D. Williams or Y. Flood at 203.579.6569 or Officer's D. Smith, A. Allen, M. Roman, C. Moore, or M. Mason at 203.579.6131.



**September 23 & 24** - The 8th Annual Detective James Matthews Sr. Scholarship Fund's National Law Enforcement and

Firefighter's Basketball Tournament will be held in Hartford, CT. Registration is \$500 per team and the deadline is August 30, 2006. For more info call 203.518.2895 or 203.250.2633.

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## 15th ANNUAL POLICE K-9 OLYMPICS

**DATE: SATURDAY - JULY 15, 2006**  
**TIME: 8:00 A.M.**  
**PLACE: THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, WEST CAMPUS**  
**ROUTE 44 STORRS, CONNECTICUT**  
**(ACROSS FROM BERGIN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION)**

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE CANINE UNIT	203-630-5656
UCONN POLICE DEPARTMENT	860-486-4800
CONNECTICUT CORRECTIONAL CANINE UNIT	860-763-5362



# Counselor Hosts Fundraiser for African Clinic

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(l-r) Shannon and Karen Knight

In July of 2005, Correctional Substance Abuse Counselor Karen Knight's daughter, Shannon traveled to Africa on a school trip. As a result, Shannon became interested in assisting the people of Africa. After a lengthy discussion and some research, mother and daughter have decided to go to Malawi, Africa from September to December of 2007 to work in a medical clinic. Mags Riordan from Ireland founded the clinic in honor of her son Billy who accidentally drowned in Lake Malawi.



The clinic in Malawi, Africa where the Knight's will volunteer.

When Karen and Shannon go to Africa they will be volunteering at the medical clinic (Billy Riordan Memorial Trust- the trust is based out of Dingle, Co Kerry Ireland and is a registered charity. For more information please visit [www.billysmalawiproject.com](http://www.billysmalawiproject.com)). To go on the trip, Karen and Shannon must raise \$10,000 and have raised \$3,000 thus far. Their grassroots fund raising efforts have included a paper route and a bottle and can collection. Karen and Shannon are having a fundraiser benefit cookout at the Elks Pavilion in West Springfield, MA on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The event will be from noon to 6 p.m. Tickets are available at the door (\$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12) or by calling CSAC Knight at Robinson CI. Karen is also doing candy sales at CRCI (thanks everyone!).

## Did You Know Cont'd

The lower the U-factor, the greater a window's resistance to heat flow and the better its insulating values. In New England a U-Factor of 0.35 or lower is desirable. After comparing two windows, side by side, with all else being equal except their U-Factor; the following analysis on energy savings was made. The difference in energy savings between a window with a U-Factor of 0.35 and one with 0.45 is roughly \$160.00 per year. If a buyer purchases energy efficient windows (5% higher cost), the payback would take less than 5 years; not to mention a quieter and more comfortable home. Over time, window manufacturers have been able to provide energy efficient windows by using double pane glass filled with a low conductive gas usually argon. This particular gas is used because of its high resistance to the transfer of energy allowing more heat to remain within the conditioned space. There are other factors to consider when choosing a window, such as window-framing materials, weather stripping, seals, tints, solar heat gain coefficient, etc. Take the time and consider all the options before making those final decisions on windows, it will be worth the time and effort.

## MVP'S

Abdul-Shakoor, Yahya, Chap.	NHCC
Aiello, Anthony, CO	MYI
Aldi, John, CS	MWCI
Ames, Robert, Lt.	NCI
Bradway, Brian, CCS	NCI
Conlogue, Wayne, CO	CCI
Crawford, Elsa, CO	CCI
Dellano, Michael, CO	CCI
Despasquale, Matthew	CFSS NHCC
Dubay, Richard, CO	CCI
Evelich, Brian, Capt.	MYI
Gulley, Robert, CO	MYI
Hannan, Tracy, Rec. Spec.	NCI
Hooker, Alfred, CO	CCI
Jakabaowski, Laura, CC	CCI
Jinks, Robert, Lt	CCI
Laverty, Sean	CFSS2 CO
Rodriguez, Hipolita, CS	CCI
Schain, Breina, Sec.1	MYI
Singleton, Judy, CO	NCI
Suse, Mark, CS	NCI
Szaban, Scott, CTO	NCI
Vaughn, Carlton	CFSS2 CO
Vernon, Alvin, CO	CCI
White, Robert, CO	MYI
Wysolkinski, Rich,	Locksmith NCI

## Code Orange

A Benefit Softball Tournament will take place on Saturday July 29, 2006 at Officer's Beach, Carl Robinson CI, Enfield, CT. The Entry Fee is \$200 per team. The tournament is open to any/all Law Enforcement personnel. **All proceeds will be donated to Correctional Officers who were assaulted on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006 at MacDougall CI.** Please make checks payable to John Cournoyer -(CODE ORANGE FUND) Willard - Cybulski CI 391 Shaker Rd Enfield, CT 06082. For info call CO's Cleek or Cournoyer at 860.763.7100

# Marathon Man

Correction Officer William Brown of Northern CI completed the Boston Marathon in April. Running for Team "Griffin's Friends," a non-profit organization that provides support to children stricken with cancer, he took a moment at mile 24 of the race to pose for this photo(at right) with some of his teammates.



To date, Officer Brown has completed 3 other marathons, in Miami, Florida; Hyannis, Massachusetts; and the Bataan Memorial Death March in New Mexico. Way to Go!

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## Retired, But Not Relaxing

In April Retired Captain Colonis, formerly of York CI broke 4 world records and took 1st Place in the Strict Arm Curl Contest in the Grandmaster Division. The competition took place at the Northeast Regional in Wallingford.

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## Lieutenant Tramontano Cont'd

*When it came time for me to choose a Godfather for my youngest-who is now 6 - I couldn't imagine anyone better. I wrote in the card "I want Gia to have a strong man to look up to in her life, Thank you for accepting this responsibility. She honored him at his wake by wearing one of my old badges with a piece of black tape across it. I have so many thoughts in my mind right now and I'm sorry I couldn't say goodbye, I didn't know. You'll be missed by so many!"*

**Goddaughter Gia** *"I hate Cancer, it took my Godfather away from me! I love Tony very much, I'm gonna miss you. I liked when you used to pick me up and throw me in the air; I'll miss that. I still play with the kids. Have a Peaceful Rest."*

**Cousin Nia** *"I loved Tony. I wish I could have spent more time with him, and said good-bye. I'll miss you Tony."*

**Captain Alphonse Esposito** - *"I met Tram back in December of 1997 when I was assigned as a Lieutenant at Garner CI. He was working in F block with Officer Liquindoli. As we began to get to know one another it was inherently obvious the amount of moral courage he possessed. He worked out often and was very active in martial arts. He was very confident and sure of himself at all times. As a new supervisor this was very welcome to see. It was not uncommon that we spoke about weight training, martial arts etc. What I think stuck out the most about him was that although he was at times quickly sharp and abrasive with inmates, he also had the capability to be very patient also. Even the mental health inmates respected Tram a lot. I can recall incidents in the unit where regardless of how deep and dangerous things were, Tram was always a survivor no matter what, always aware of his surroundings. Some time later, I was reassigned promotionally and then eventually transferred back to Cheshire. About a year and a half later while at Cheshire I had heard the news that Tram was being promoted to Cheshire as a Lieutenant. I was additionally very pleased to hear he was going to work my shift. Well as fate would have it, I was getting reassigned to dayshift when Tram came in. Before I went to day shift, he asked to speak to me in private. He explained to me that he was having a small problem with his stomach and that the doctor's were saying it was probably just an ulcer. As most of us now know, that was not the case. I can not tell you the amount of courage he has shown all of us during his fight. Captain Baker, Tram's commander, would have to beg him to go home to rest. Tram was not going to let this beat him. He fought until the end and was an example to all of us. The amount of courage he displayed until god took our soldier for his own army is not measurable. My brother Tram, on behalf of all the staff at Cheshire CI, our prayers go out to your family and I can not tell you how much we will miss you in the years to come. You are a true warrior my brother. Cheshire CI has retired Lieutenant Tramontano's call sign in his honor. May CW 523 Rest In Peace."*

**Officer Hampton Dais** - *"Lt. Tramontano was always a professional. He was a caring person who was willing to help. When working with others, he often went out of his way. Tony was very family-oriented. He was an all around good person and a pleasure to work with. He will be missed by myself and all the staff who worked with him."*

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## Condolences



Director Robert Jackson and the staff of the Affirmative Action Unit along with Warden Walter Ford and the staff at Bridgeport CC are saddened to announce to passing of Mack Moore, father of Affirmative Action Officer Christian Moore, and Correction Officer Cynthia Moore.



North District Administrator Wayne Choinski is saddened to announce the death of Eileen Moriarty, mother of Administrative Assistant Karen O'Keefe and mother-in-law of Major Joseph O'Keefe.

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